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GENEVA FOR US CSCE DEL

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SUBJECT: CSCE: CHIRAC POSITIONS IN MOSCOW ON BASKET III

1. HEAD OF CSCE WORKING GROUP PIERRET TOLD EMBOFF MARCH 17 THAT QUAI HAD GREATLY APPRECIATED A RECENT CONVERSATION BETWEEN HEADS OF U.S. AND FRENCH CSCE DELEGATIONS IN GENEVA IN WHICH U.S. SIDE HAD AFFIRMED SECRETARY'S INTEREST IN DEFENDING KEY BASKET III POSITIONS IN FINAL STAGES OF CSCE. BRIEFING HAD BEEN PARTICULARLY TIMELY IN THAT IT WILL DIRECTLY ASSIST FRENCH PRIME MINISTER CHIRAC IN ASSERTING FRENCH VIEWS ON BASKET III DURING HIS MOSCOW VISIT, WITH KNOWLEDGE THAT THEY ARE SUBSTANTIALLY SHARED IN WASHINGTON. IN FACE OF WHAT PIERRET DESCRIBED AS A VIRTUAL SOVIET "OFFENSIVE" TO SINK BASKET III IN THE FINAL STAGES OF PHASE II, QUAI EXPECTS THAT CHIRAC, ALTHOUGH A CSCE NEOPHYTE, WILL BE PARTICULARLY WELL SUITED TO GIVE MOSCOW FIRM RESPONSES ON KEY POINTS.

2. ONLY BASKET III POINTS DISCUSSED IN THIS US-FRENCH GENEVA MEETING ON WHICH QUAI DOES NOT QUITE SHARE U.S. VIEWS INVOLVES QUESTION OF JAMMING. IN FRENCH VIEW A SUCCESSFUL WESTERN ANTI-JAMMING CAMPAIGN WOULD ONLY

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RESULT IN SOVIET COUNTER-DEMANDS FOR CONTROL OF POLITICAL

CONTENT OF FOREIGN RADIO OUTPUT. FRENCH THEREFORE DO NOT
PLAN TO PRESS THIS THEME DURING CHIRAC VISIT, BUT DO
INTEND TO BE FIRM ON OTHERS, PARTICULARLY QUESTIONS OF
READING ROOMS AND JOURNALISTS.
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